existing combined offices into independent telegraph offices in the following districts:—

Jaisalmer (one), Barmer (two), Chittorgarh (one), Tonk (one) and Bundi (one).

Telephone Exchanges: About fifty new Telephone Exchanges are likely to be installed in Rajasthan during 1991-92. District-wise break-up is given in Statement-II

(b) Post Offices: Allocation of funds for expansion of postal network is done on All-India bais. An outlay of Rs. 3 crores has been approved for the current year (1991-92).

Telecommunications: Vote on account lumpsum allotment of Rs. 27 crores so far has been made to Rajasthan Telecom Circle for the period from April 1991 to September 1991.

(c) a total of 174 new connections with STD and ISD facility were opened during 1990-91 in Ajmer district. In addition, 28 PCOs with STD and ISD facility were also opened during 1990-91.

STATEMENT—I

District-wise number of post offices proposed to be set up in Rajasthan during 1991-92. This will, however, be subject to justification.

Name of District	*Post offices*	*Name of District*	*Post Offices*
Ajmer	4	Jodhpur	6
Alwar	6	Jaisalmer	1
Barmer	10	Jhunjhunu	9
Bhilwara	5	Kota	2
Bikaner	1	Jhalawar	3
Jalore	1	Baran	5
Sirohi	1	Bundi	5
Swai-Madhopur	1	Tonk	1
Chittorgarh	7	Sikar	4
Dholpur	2	Pali	5
Dungarpur	7	Sriganganagar	1
Banswara	3	Nagaur	12
Dausa	8	Udaipur	3
Jaipur	8	Rajsamand	4
			Total 125

STATEMENT—II

District-wise Number of Telephone Exchanges proposed to be set up in Rajasthan during 1991-92

A total of 50 Telephone Exchanges are planned to be set up in Rajasthan during 1991-92. Based on the list of probable locations, the district-wise number works to following:

Sl. No.	*Name of District*	*No. of telephone Exchanges*	*Sl No.*	*Name of District*	*No. of Telephone exchanges*
1.	Ajmer	2	12.	Jaisalmer	1
2.	Alwar	1	13.	Jhunjhunu	4
3.	Banswara	2	14.	Jodhpur	3
4.	Barmer	1	15.	Kota	2
5.	Bharatpur	1	16.	Nagaur	4
6.	Bikaner	2	17.	Pali	2
7.	Chittorgarh	4	18.	Rajsamand	3
8.	Churu	2	19.	Sawaimadhopur	3
9.	Dausa	2	20.	Sikar	5
10.	Dungarpur	1	21.	Sriganganagar	2
11.	Jaipur	3			

[English]

External assistance for irrigation projects in Orissa

3830. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some irrigation projects in

Orissa are being implemented with external assistance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Upper Indiravati Project assistance from OECF, Japan—3.744 billion yen. Upper Kolab Project assistance from OECF, Japan—3.769 billion yen. World Bank assisted National Water Management Project-7 project proposals estimated to cost a total of Rs. 32.15 crores cleared for preparation of detailed project reports. World Bank assisted Dam Safety Assurance and Rehabilitation Project—Orissa component Rs. 73.71 crores.

Suram Palem Reservoir Project

3831. SHRI K.V.R. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Suram Palem Reservoir Project in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir. Suram Palem Reservoir Project in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh has not been received at the Centre.

(b) Does not arise.

Flood-Control Schemes in Tripura

3832. SHRIMATI BIDHU KUMARI DEVI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some schemes for control of floods in Tripura are pending with the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the time by which those are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) There is no flood control scheme at present in Central Water Commission for clearace.

(b) Does not arise.

Central assistance for construction of Sea-Wall in Kerala

3833. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has requested the Union Government to extend financial assistance for the construction of sea walls to prevent sea erosion in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) A Statement giving details of financial assistance rendered for the construction of sea walls to prevent sea erosion in the State is attached.

STATEMENT

Details of financial assistance rendered to the State Government of Kerala for the construction of sea walls to prevent sea erosion in the State.

Considering the financial constraint and urgency, the Central Government has been extending Central loan assistance to Kerala since 1972-73. For Phase I programme comprising construction of 320 km. of new sea walls and reformation of 70 km. of damaged sea walls in critical areas. Out of total expenditure of Rs. 94.74 crores upto March 1991. Centre has contributed Rs. 49.05 crores as per agreed norms. Nearly 97% of new works and 61% of reformation works have been completed. In addition, the State Government has now come up with phase II comprising construction of about 128 km. length of new sea walls and approximately 54 km. of reformation works at an estimated cost of Rs. 156 crores, seeking assistance on the existing pattern.

The State Government has been requested to come up with scheme-wise detailed project reports for phase II works supported by the approval of State Technical Advisory Committee, as per guide-